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SENATE BILL 426

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; ALLOWING THE CHIEF OF THE STATE POLICE TO DETERMINE THE TIME PERIOD IN WHICH A MEMBER OF THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE MAY COMPLETE THE REQUIRED HOURS OF COLLEGE CREDIT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 29-2-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941, Chapter 147, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-2-6. QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS.--

A. Members of the New Mexico state police, except the chief, shall:

(1) at the time of their appointment, be citizens of the United States;

(2) at the time of their appointment, have reached twenty-one years of age;

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1 (3) except as otherwise provided in Subsection
2 B of this section, at the time of their appointment, [~~(a)~~]
3 have completed [~~not less than~~] at least sixty hours of college
4 credit; [~~or~~

5 ~~(b) have completed not less than thirty~~
6 ~~hours of college credit and, no later than two years following~~
7 ~~appointment, have completed not less than an additional thirty~~
8 ~~hours of college credit;]~~

9 (4) be of good moral character and not have
10 been convicted of a felony or infamous crime in the courts of
11 this state or other state or any country or in the federal
12 courts; and

13 (5) pass a physical examination the New Mexico
14 state police may require.

15 B. Notwithstanding the requirement of Paragraph (3)
16 of Subsection A of this section, the chief may appoint a member
17 of the New Mexico state police who has at least thirty hours of
18 college credit, and the chief shall determine an appropriate
19 time period after appointment for the member to complete the
20 additional thirty hours of college credit required.

21 ~~[B.]~~ C. A person shall not be commissioned a
22 member of the New Mexico state police who is related by blood
23 or marriage within the fourth degree to a member of the public
24 safety advisory commission."